

I am writing in support of APCO's Competitive Coordination Petition. I represent several fire departments on radio matters. My time is voluntary and getting frequencies is no easy matter.

As there are few frequencies available in the "fire" bands of the spectrum, all of them are taken or so close one could never use them without interference. This necessitates going into the other public safety frequencies. The current system of coordination is ridiculous to say the least.

Not only are the costs astronomical to coordinate between two or more coordinators, nearly \$1,000 for a fire department that has a budget of \$5,000 per year, but the service from the coordinators is spotty at best. IMSA for example couldn't care less whether or not they do anything for you.

APCO is clearly the best organization to take something like this on. They have the expertise and knowledge to make this a better process for everyone. Their employees are prompt, courteous and knowledgeable. I enjoy dealing with APCO because I know they will do the job right. The problems ALWAYS lie with the other coordinators.

Let's clean up the process. Let a very professional organization do the job they have been set up to do.